

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Dwight Xavier Jones,,	)	C/A No. 0:11-122-HMH-PJG
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b>ORDER</b>
	)	
James R. Metts, <i>Lexington Sheriffs</i>	)	
<i>Department</i> ; CO Mrs. Thomas, <i>Lexington</i>	)	
<i>County Detention Center</i> ;	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
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This is a civil action filed by a local prisoner. Therefore, in the event that a limitations issue arises, Plaintiff shall have the benefit of the holding in Houston v. Lack, 487 U.S. 266 (1988) (prisoner's pleading was filed at the moment of delivery to prison authorities for forwarding to District Court). Under Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2) of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, pretrial proceedings in this action have been referred to the assigned United States Magistrate Judge.

On June 14, 2011, the Court received an envelope from Plaintiff which included various documents and a sample of mold wrapped in toilet paper secured with band-aids. The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Civil Rules for the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina provide for the filing of pleadings, documents, and other papers with the Clerk of Court. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d)(2)(A); see also Local Civil Rule 5.02 DSC. Plaintiff's submission of a mold sample is not a pleading, document, or other paper which can be filed by the Clerk of Court.

**TO THE CLERK OF COURT:**

The Clerk of Court is directed to return the sample of mold to Plaintiff.

**TO PLAINTIFF:**

Evidence is not appropriate at this initial stage of the proceedings. Therefore, Plaintiff is directed to refrain from submitting any further physical samples to the Clerk of Court. Further disobedience of this Order may result in sanctions, including but not limited to dismissal the plaintiff's case and/or contempt of court.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

June 14, 2011  
Columbia, South Carolina

  
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Paige J. Gossett  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE